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# News Release

## **ICE DEPORTS ECUADORIAN MAN CONVICTED OF MURDER IN COOK COUNTY**

CHICAGO — An Ecuadorian man, who was convicted of murder in Cook County for shooting two people and killing one of them, was deported today by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Santiago Rendon, 41, was removed to Quito, Ecuador, escorted by two government officers.

Rendon first entered the United States in 1971 as a permanent resident. In 1987 he was convicted of murder in Cook County Circuit Court for shooting Angelo Lucena to death on March 6, 1986. He was also convicted of attempted murder for shooting Javier Armijo on W. Diversey Ave. He was sentenced to 40 and 30 years' imprisonment respectively, to be served concurrently. As a result of his criminal convictions he lost his permanent resident status and became eligible for deportation.



ICE agents encountered Rendon in the Menard Correctional Center and placed a "detainer" on him to ensure that he would be turned over to ICE for deportation upon his release from prison.

"As a convicted murderer, Rendon represents a threat to public safety and has no right to remain in this country," said ICE Field Office Director Debbie Achim. "We help make our communities and our country more secure with every criminal alien we deport." Achim oversees ICE's Detention and Removal Operations program for a six-state area, which includes: Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri and Wisconsin.

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